

Amendments to the Claims

What is claimed is:

1. (Original) A pleated pocket device, comprising:

a back panel having at least one pleat, a first section, and a second section wherein said second section is capable of expanding more than said first section; and

a front panel connected to said back panel to form a cavity adjacent to said second section.
2. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said back panel further comprises a third section adjacent said second section to form a cavity bottom.
3. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said second section is capable of expanding in width and depth.
4. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said back panel is formed from a single sheet of material.
5. (Original) The device of claim 1 wherein said at least one pleat is formed near a centerline of said back panel.
6. (Withdrawn) A method for making a pleated pocket device, comprising:

cutting a back panel from a sheet of material having a first section and a second section wherein said second section is longer in width than said first section;

forming at least one pleat in the first section;
stitching said at least one pleat;
cutting a front panel from a sheet of material; and
joining said front panel to said back panel to form a cavity adjacent to said second section;
wherein said second section is capable of expanding more than said first section.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6 wherein said at least one pleat is located adjacent a centerline of said back panel.

8. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6 further comprising:
cutting a third section;
stitching said third section to said second section and said front panel to form a cavity bottom.

9. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6 wherein said second section is capable of expanding in width and depth.

10. (Withdrawn) An apparatus for making a pleated pocket device, comprising:
means for cutting a back panel from a sheet of material having a first section and a second section wherein said second section is longer in width than said first section;
means for forming at least one pleat in the first section;
means for stitching said at least one pleat;
means for cutting a front panel from a sheet of material; and

means for joining said front panel to said back panel to form a cavity adjacent to said second section;

wherein said second section is capable of expanding more than said first section.

11. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said at least one pleat is located adjacent a centerline of said first portion.

12. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising:

means for cutting a third section;

means for stitching said third section to said third section and said front panel to form a cavity bottom.

13. (Withdrawn) The apparatus of claim 10 wherein said second section is capable of expanding in width and depth.

14. (Original) A pleated pocket device, comprising:

a back panel having:

a first section having a first pleat and a second pleat; and

a second section coupled to said first section,

wherein said second section is capable of expanding more than said first section;

a front panel connected to said back panel to form a cavity adjacent to said second section.

15. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein said back panel further comprises a third section adjacent said second section to from a cavity bottom.

16. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein said second section is capable of expanding in width and depth.

17. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein said first pleat and said second pleat form an inverted "V" shape.

18. (Original) The device of claim 14 wherein said first pleat and said second pleat are formed near a centerline of said first section.

19. (Original) A pleated pocket device, comprising:
a back panel having a first section coupled to a second section, said first section and said second section having a first pleat and a second pleat, and
a front panel connected to said back panel to form a cavity adjacent to said second section,
wherein said second section is capable of expanding more than said first section.

20. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein said back panel further comprises a third section adjacent said second section to from a cavity bottom.

21. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein said second section is capable of

expanding in width and depth.

22. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein said first pleat and said second pleat form an inverted “V” shape.

23. (Original) The device of claim 19 wherein said first pleat and said second pleat are formed near a centerline of said first section.

24. (Original) A pleated pocket device, comprising:
a back panel having a top section and a bottom section, the bottom section longer in length than the top section;
at least one pleat formed in said back panel; and
a front panel coupled to said bottom section to form a cavity,
wherein said bottom section is capable of expanding more than said top section and
wherein said back panel is formed from a single sheet of material.

25. (Original) The device of claim 24 further comprising a bottom panel adjacent said bottom section to form a cavity bottom.

26. (Original) The device of claim 24 wherein said bottom section is capable of expanding in width and depth.

27. (Original) The device of claim 24 wherein said at least one pleat is formed near a centerline of said back panel.